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## Media Advisory

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### Twenty-eight Residents to Graduate from 2015 Citizen Police Academy

**What:** 2015 Citizen Police Academy Graduation

**Who:** Community Resource Unit of the Durham Police Department's Community Services Division

**Speakers:** Department officials and Durham residents

**When:** Thursday, October 1, 2015  
7 p.m.

**Where:** Council Chambers, Durham City Hall  
101 City Hall Plaza

#### Fast Facts

- The Citizen Police Academy offers residents first-hand knowledge and insights into the “hows” and “whys” of Durham Police Department operations and services.
- Established in the mid-1980s, the Citizen Police Academy is designed to promote the department's philosophy of community-oriented policing. Essentially community oriented-policing signifies law enforcement and residents working in harmony to identify and address safety problems and related quality of life issues.
- The 2015 Citizen Police Academy is graduating 28 participants including Durham residents, media representatives, Civilian Police Review Board members, Partners Against Crime representatives and retirees.
- Graduates have met attendance requirements of the six-week academy - attending at least nine of the 12 sessions. From August 25 to October 1, 2015, the academy was held twice a week for at least two hours. Academy sessions provided participants front line and behind-the-scenes law enforcement experiences through oral, visual, interactive and field presentations as well as police ride-alongs.